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SUBJECT: MAQARIN WATER RIGHTS U.S. WORKING PAPER -
NEXT STEPS

REF: (A) AMMAN 4072, (B) AMMAN 4040,
(C) STATE 160126, (D) AMMAN 3967, (E) AMMAN 3961,
(F) TEL AVIV 5154

1. STATE/AID HAS REVIEWED REVISED U.S. WORKING
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PAPER TRANSMITTED REF A IN CONJUNCTION WITH AMMAN'S
DISCUSSIONS WITH CROWN PRINCE AND OMAR ABDULLAH AND
CONCUR CHANGES PROPOSED BY GOJ. ACCORDINGLY, TEL
AVIV AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT REF A WORKING PAPER TO
GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT. WE
ASSUME MOSHE ALON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, MFA,
WILL CONTINUE TO BE EMBASSY CONTACT FOR PURPOSES

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MAQARIN DAM WATER RIGHTS DISCUSSIONS.

2. IN TRANSMITTING WORKING PAPER, YOU SHOULD INFORM GOI THAT WORKING PAPER REPRESENTS USG UNDERSTANDING OF ISRAELI AND JORDANIAN VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO FIVE AREAS--WATER AVAILABILITY; FLOW AND QUALITY; ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT; PALESTINE ELECTRIC POWER CONCESSION; AND WEST BANK--BASED ON

MOST RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN JERUSALEM AND AMMAN. GOI SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED THAT U.S. WORKING PAPER ALSO BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO GOJ.

3. ALSO, REQUEST TEL AVIV REMIND ALON OF GOJ REQUEST FOR PROVISION OF DATA ON ADASIYE TRIANGLE WATER AVAILABILITY AND AGRICULTURAL USAGE PROMISED DURING LATE MAY MEETING WITH U.S. TECHNICAL TEAM.

4. PARA C OF U.S. WORKING PAPER ON WEST BANK INDICATES THAT JORDAN WILL CONTRACT FOR A STUDY WHICH WILL REVIEW THE WEST BANK AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL, WATER NEEDS/REQUIREMENTS, AVAILABLE RESOURCES, AND POSSIBLE CONVEYANCE TO WEST BANK. IN THIS REGARD, TEL AVIV SHOULD BE SENSITIVE TO ISRAELI GOVERNMENT REACTION THIS POINT IN VIEW OF ISRAELI THINKING REPORTED REF F WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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RESPECT TO "MASTER PLAN" FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEST BANK, WHICH, AS REPORTED, MAY INVOLVE SOME REVIVAL OF JOHNSTON PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UTILIZATION OF WATERS FROM JORDAN RIVER BASIN.

5. FYI: ON JULY 28, EITAN RAFF, ISRAELI EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, CALLED ON TAUBENBLATT TO REPORT ON HIS MEETING WITH MOSHE ALON, MFA, AND MENACHEM KANTOR, ISRAELI WATER COMMISSIONER, IN JERUSALEM JUST PRIOR TO BEGIN VISIT. RAFF ALSO REPORTED ON HIS VISIT TO HARZA IN CHICAGO WITH VARDI IN MID-JUNE, WHICH WILL BE CABLED SEPTEL. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, TAUBENBLATT ASKED RAFF WHETHER IN HIS DISCUSSIONS IN JERUSALEM THERE WERE ANY REACTIONS BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO MAQARIN WATER RIGHTS ISSUES. RAFF INDICATED THAT HE WAS AUTHORIZED BY ALON TO STATE THAT THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE WITH RESPECT TO THE MAQARIN PROJECT. END FYI. SEE SEPTEL.

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6. REQUEST ADVISE WHEN WORKING PAPER BEING PRESENTED TO ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.

7. WE UNDERSTAND EMBASSY AMMAN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EMBOFF PRESENT IN THIS MEETING. WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS AND SUGGEST TWO POSTS WORK OUT SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS UNLESS THERE ARE PROBLEMS OF WHICH WE UNAWARE. CHRISTOPHER

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